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PATENT APPLICATION

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Application No. 09/940,472

REMARKS

After entry of the above amendments, claims 5 - 6 are all the claims pending in the application. The Examiner is thanked for noting the allowable subject matter of claims 2 and 4.

I. § 112, First Paragraph, Rejection of Claims 3 and 4

Claims 3 and 4 have been cancelled, obviating this rejection.

Furthermore, the new claims herein have been carefully structured to clarify that the constant current source and the current source coupled between ground and the commonly coupled source electrodes are one and the same (thereby assuaging any concerns the Examiner may have for similarly rejecting the new claims for the same reason that claims 3 and 4 were rejected under § 112).

II. § 102 Rejection of Claim 3

The noted allowable subject matter of claim 4 has been combined with the subject matter of independent claim 3 to create new claim 6. In light of the allowable subject matter (as noted by the Examiner), Applicant respectfully requests that new claim 6 be passed to issue.

III. § 103 Rejection of Claim 1

The noted allowable subject matter of claim 2 has been combined with the subject matter of independent claim 1 to create new claim 5. In light of the allowable subject matter (as noted by the Examiner), Applicant respectfully requests that new claim 5 be passed to issue.

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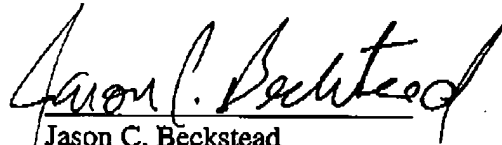
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IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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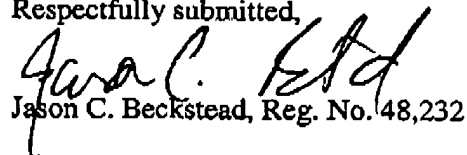
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